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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 9-14 and 16 remain in this application. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claims 14 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 9 and 14 are independent claims.

A. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that in an Office action dated June 16, 2005, claims 1-13 were identified as being allowed. Moreover, claims 15 and 16 were deemed to contain patentable subject matter, but were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to include features from original claim 15.

B. Patentability of Claims 14 and 16

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Loui et al. in view of Vailaya. The Office action stated that the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest features of dependent claim 15.

Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the amended independent claim is in a condition for allowance. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended to change its dependency from cancelled claim 15 to amended claim 14.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. In the case that any issues regarding this application can be resolved expeditiously via a telephone conversation, Applicants invite the Examiner to call Terry McHugh at (650) 969-8458.

Respectfully submitted.

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